

# What's Living in Our Wetlands?

## Wetlands are a great place to see wildlife!

It might look like a simple drainage spot, but this wetland is teeming with life! Animals living in and around wetlands depend on it for food, shelter, and nesting habitat. Discover the many plants and animals that call marsh ecosystems like this one home!



*Red winged blackbird perched on a cattail*

## Cattails, staple of a wetland

Cattails are synonymous with wetland habitat. They provide creatures like muskrats and ducks with food and shelter, and are often home to fascinating creatures like redwing blackbirds! Cattails function as part of the wetland filter that purifies water by absorbing pollutants and preventing erosion!

## Did you Know?

43% of threatened or endangered species in the U.S. depend on wetlands!



*Endangered Dragonfly U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*



*Plants and animals in a wetland ecosystem*



Want to learn more about Wetlands? Check out the City of Shoreview website at [www.shoreviewmn.gov](http://www.shoreviewmn.gov)

